

4th March 1925]

*Censure on the Chairman, Trichinopoly municipality.*

\* 316 Q.—Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the G.O. Mis. No. 1771, L. & M., dated 30th June 1924, censuring the Chairman of the Trichinopoly municipality was passed after hearing the explanation of the chairman of the municipality; and

(b) if not, why not?

A.—The order was passed on the report of the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils based on facts and figures supplied by the chairman or available in the municipal office. The chairman subsequently sent in an explanation and the Government were satisfied that except in regard to a trivial matter the facts were as reported by the Inspector.

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:—“Sir, the answer to the question is really evasive. May I ask the hon. the Minister whether an opportunity was given to the Chairman of the Trichinopoly municipality before the Government Order was passed?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“Sir, the question is answered. A special officer was appointed to inquire into the matter and he submitted a report. Upon the report of the officer Government came to a decision. Later on, the chairman of the municipal council submitted his explanation the details of which were on the same lines as the report referred to.”

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—“Was the chairman given an opportunity to explain before orders were passed?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“Final orders were passed after the explanation of the chairman was received.”

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:—“The Government Order was passed on 30th June 1924 and the Inspector of Municipalities came and inspected the municipality in the month of April. The explanation of the chairman was only after the date of the Government Order.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“Yes; but final orders were passed only after the explanation of the chairman was considered.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—“Was the chairman furnished with a copy of the report of the special officer?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The chairman was furnished with relevant extracts from the report.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—“Was it before he sent in his explanation?”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“May I ask the hon. the Minister whether the special officer submitted irrelevant things also in his report?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“I do not think logic warrants that conclusion.”